

*In the Specification*

Please amend the specification as set forth in the following paragraphs.

On Page 16, lines 27-29, please replace the paragraph as follows:

The techniques described herein can be modified using the techniques of U.S. patent application serial no. ~~09/693,777~~ 09/692,073. One such modification to the techniques described herein is the following.

On Page 17, lines 10-12, please replace the paragraph as follows:

One having ordinary skill in the art will be able to combine the techniques disclosed herein with the techniques taught in U.S. patent application serial no. ~~09/693,777~~ 09/692,073 to increase throughput of data at a node.